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SUBJECT: DISCUSSION OF STANDARDIZATION AT NAC
MINISTERIAL

REF: A) NATO 6155; B) NATO 6163

1. DESPITE PERSONAL VIEWS EXPRESSED BY TIME AND OTHER
PERMREPS, WE CONTINUE TO FAVOR PROCEDURE FOR DISCUSSION
OF STANDARDIZATION SET OUT IN PARA 4 OF STATE 267214.
ACCORDINGLY, YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO SEEK AGREEMENT OF
ALLIES TO THIS FORMAT.

2. IN ADDITION TO ARGUMENTS YOU HAVE ALREADY MADE IN
SUPPORT OF OUR PROPOSED PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENT, YOU SHOULD
STRESS OUR VIEW THAT SUBJECT WE HAVE FORESEEN FOR
DISCUSSION IN RESTRICTED NAC SESSION IS TOO IMPORTANT
FOR ALLIANCE TO BE CURTAILED BECAUSE OF PROCEDURAL
NICETIES. TIME AVAILABLE FOR RESTRICTED NAC IS BARELY
ADEQUATE AS IT STANDS AND SHOULD NOT BE REDUCED BY
OPENING NAC AGENDA ON DECEMBER 11 WITH ANOTHER IMPORTANT
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SUBJECT WHICH COULDTAKE UP MOST OR ALL OF MORNING

SESSION.

3. WE DEFER TO USNATO'S ESTIMATE OF BEST TACTICAL

APPROACH FOR OBTAINING ALLIED AGREEMENT TO OUR
PREFERRED SCENARIO, BUT SUGGEST PRIVATE DEMARCHES
WITH LUNS, DE STAERCKE AND OTHER KEY PERMREPS,
EMPHASIZING THE ABOVE CONSIDERATIONS.

4. IN FURTHER CONTACTS WITH TINE YOU MAY NOTE THAT
US APPRECIATES FRENCH SENSITIVITIES, BUT BELIEVES
PROCEDURAL STEPS OUTLINED BY CHARGE (PARA 1, REF B)
SHOULD MEET HIS PREOCCUPATIONS.

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